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In New York, prices were unchanged. Elsewhere, weekly prices were higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was in a full range of steady to firm entering the week. Retail and distributive demand remained light to good. Supplies were sufficient to balanced and held with confidence. Breaking stock offerings were tight to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were generally sufficient for current processing schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest warehouse delivered prices were higher for all sizes. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to good, best into areas with planned feature activity. Loose egg sales were moderate. Supplies were adequate for current needs and held with confidence. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings tight to adequate and held in confident hands. Most breakers were content to wait for more available breaking stock before bidding higher prices. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	46-55	50-52	LARGE	28-36	31
LARGE	46-54	48-51	MEDIUM	16-21	19
MEDIUM	34-40	37-39	SMALL	4-6	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, western NY, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets ranged light to moderate, slightly better where features were in progress or planned for the week. Supplies were adequate to balanced for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were generally adequate for processing schedules that were reported as normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	53-67	54-59
LARGE	48-62	53-57
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were higher for all sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to good, best into areas with features planned for the upcoming holiday. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate for current needs and were still held with confidence. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings tight to adequate and held in confident hands. Most breakers were content to wait for more available breaking stock before bidding higher prices. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	54.5-63	56-59
LARGE	53.5-62	55-58
MEDIUM	38.5-47	40-43

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Weekly prices were higher on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was in a full range of light to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient to balanced for present trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were generally sufficient for the moderate to fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	47.25-61	55-58
LARGE	45.25-59	53-56
MEDIUM	30.25-45	38-42

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady entering the week. Demand into all channels was light to occasionally good. Supplies were adequate to balanced for current trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	62-66
LARGE	60-64
MEDIUM	47-51

CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS Prices were higher for all sizes. The market tone was firm. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to balanced.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	52-60	54-56
LARGE	51-59	52-55
MEDIUM	41-48	42-44

WESTERN Prices 6 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 6-7 cents higher on large, and 4 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 9% lower than last Monday with California down 8% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 11%. Retailer demand improved. Offerings held confidently.

CALIFORNIA Prices 6 cents higher on jumbo, extra large and large, 4 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 8% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand improved. Offerings in close balance. Small benchmark price 55. Ads in Northern California (week of 10/27-11/2): major- large dozen 179, 18 pack 2 for \$3, buy 1 get 1 free.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	96
EXTRA LARGE	93
LARGE	86
MEDIUM	75

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	249-269	JUMBO	239-369
EXTRA LARGE	219-309	EXTRA LARGE	239-329
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	199-299
MEDIUM	189-205	MEDIUM	135-225

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending November 12, 2004 will increase by 14 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 05, 2004 were 210,038 cases which was 10 percent below the prior week and 9 percent below estimates. **CARTONED LOOSE TOTAL**
Cases purchased
present week..... 170,867 39,171 210,038

% change from the
prior week..... -11 -3 -10

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings tight to adequate and held in confident hands. Most breakers were content to wait for more available breaking stock before bidding higher prices. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	26-28	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-19	13-15

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product were sufficient. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08-NOV-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15	10.5-12	11.46
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were seasonally active. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08-NOV-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.75-14.5	10-11	10.99

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM JUN 21, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.9	16.0	6.2	14.2	11.0	60.3
	Change	0.3	-1.1	-0.8	0.4	-0.8	-3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.1	45.6	11.5	35.2	36.0	150.4
	Change	-3.3	-15.4	-7.0	3.8	-2.3	-14%
Large	Curr Wk	64.5	111.0	68.6	138.0	97.2	479.3
	Change	-9.3	-23.1	-15.5	13.4	-14.1	-9%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.4	47.9	16.8	25.3	29.1	133.5
	Change	1.6	1.4	0.9	4.7	-1.8	5%
Small	Curr Wk	3.9	24.4	3.5	6.0	5.2	43.0
	Change	-0.6	3.9	0.6	0.8	-4.2	1%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.4	28.5	8.9	16.8	8.5	67.1
	Change	-1.3	0.1	1.5	1.7	2.9	8%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	29.0	39.5	26.4	51.1	25.3	171.3
	Change	-4.2	-4.1	-3.2	9.0	-0.9	-2%
Total	Curr Wk	151.2	312.9	141.9	286.6	212.3	1,104.9
Percent	Change	-10%	-11%	-14%	13%	-9%	-6%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1,104.9	-6%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	250.1	1%	35

Total Shell Egg	1,355.0	-4%	208
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific - AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 2004.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.97	1.94	1.85	1.16

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING OCTOBER 25, 2004 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.52	1.52	1.42	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 05, 2004

CURRENT LOADS								17.75		FUTURE LOADS								18.00		TOTAL LOADS								35.75			
SE				NE				MW				LOADS				SC				NW				SW				LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST					
GNR W 1	—	—		33.75	35.50			—	—		11.00	GNR BR 1	—	—		—	—			—	—		45.50	1.00	GL W J	—	—		59.00		
GNR BR 1	—	—		—	—		33.00	—	—		1.00	GL W J	—	—		—	—		59.00	—	—		58.86	1.75	GL W LG	—	50.00		55.38		
GL W J	—	—		—	—		44.00	—	—		1.00	GL W LG	—	50.00		—	—		—	—	—		53.50	6.00	GL W MD	30.60	—		—		
GL W XL	—	—		46.00	48.00		43.50	—	—		2.00	GL W MD	30.60	—		—	—		—	—	—		37.60	2.50	GL W SM	—	—		—		
GL W LG	—	50.00		—	—		42.00	—	—		10.00	GL W SM	—	—		—	—		—	—	30.00		31.00	.50							
GL W MD	—	—		—	—		—	—	—		1.00																				
GL W SM	—	—		23.00	25.00		—	—	—		1.00																				
NRBS - 42	—	—		—	—		20.00	22.00	4.00																						

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/01/04-11/05/04

CURRENT LOADS								74.00	FUTURE LOADS								81.50	TOTAL LOADS								155.50																											
SE									NE									MW									SC									NW									SW								
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST		ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST		ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST		ORG	DST		ORG	DST	LOADS																					
GNR W 1	30.50	36.17		30.93	32.44		34.00	—	32.00	GNR W 1	—	40.00		—	—		—	—	5.00	GNR W 1	—	40.00		—	—		—	—		—	—	5.00																					
GNR W 2	—	—		—	—		—	—	2.00	GNR W 2	—	—		—	—		—	—	2.00	GNR W 2	—	—		—	—		—	—		43.50	2.00																						
GNR BR 1	—	—		—	—		33.00	—	1.00	GNR W 4	21.00	23.00		—	—		—	—	1.00	GNR BR 1	—	—		—	—		—	—		—	1.00																						
GL W J	—	—		48.50	52.00		46.00	—	7.00	GNR BR 1	—	—		—	—		—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—		—	58.38		59.00	58.55		45.50	1.00																						
GL W XL	—	47.00		44.60	47.45		40.00	42.00	24.25	GL W J	—	—		—	—		—	58.38	4.75	GL W XL	39.25	42.00		—	—		—	49.85		58.55	4.75																						
GL W LG	—	46.21		21.50	37.00		42.69	—	45.25	GL W XL	39.25	42.00		—	—		—	49.85	8.25	GL W LG	37.67	45.83		—	53.75		—	49.80		35.75	8.25																						
GL W MD	34.00	36.00		25.25	29.23		—	32.60	19.75	GL W LG	37.67	45.83		—	53.75		—	49.80	35.75	GL W MD	31.22	28.00		—	—		36.00	38.41		12.00	12.00																						
GL W SM	24.63	26.33		23.88	26.13		20.00	—	5.00	GL W MD	31.22	28.00		—	—		36.00	38.41	12.00	GL W SM	18.00	—		—	—		30.00	25.67		1.50	1.50																						
NRBS - 48	—	—		—	—		—	30.00	5.00	GL W SM	18.00	—		—	—		30.00	25.67	1.50	NRBS - 48	—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—																						
NRBS - 42	—	—		—	—		20.00	21.33	12.00	NRBS - 42	—	—		—	—		—	—	—	NRBS - 42	—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—																						

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	11/01/04	10/25/04	11/03/03
PACIFIC COAST	943	679	99
LOS ANGELES	917	650	51

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on small, higher on the balance. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is fair.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	71.63
LARGE	69.63
MEDIUM	55.63
SMALL	43.24

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 - 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 - 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 - 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 - 142	125 - 128

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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 11/05/2004

Report Period: 10/17/2004 - 10/23/2004

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	841	841
Colorado	0	0	3,988	3,988
Florida	0	0	924	924
Iowa	2,983	788	38,953	42,724
Michigan	0	0	1,580	1,580
Minnesota	2,175	0	4,593	6,768
Missouri	0	0	2,635	2,635
Nevada	0	0	810	810
North Carolina	0	0	1,900	1,900
Ohio	0	0	812	812
Oregon	2,230	20	1,650	3,900
South Dakota	940	0	840	1,780
Texas	0	0	4,550	4,550
Utah	0	0	12,978	12,978
Wisconsin	0	810	0	810
TOTAL	8,328	1,618	77,054	87,000
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	8,328	1,618	77,054	87,000